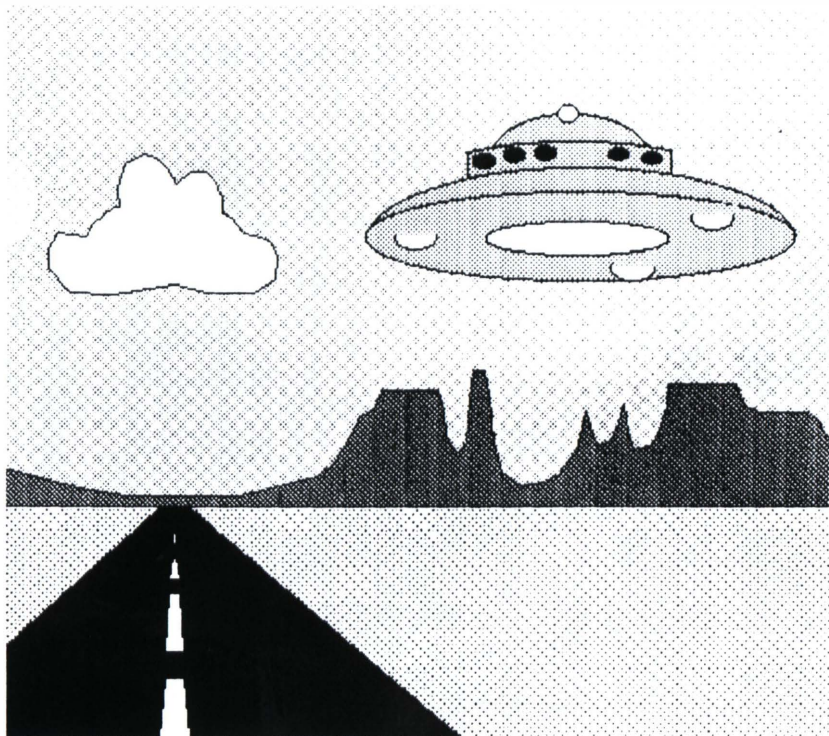


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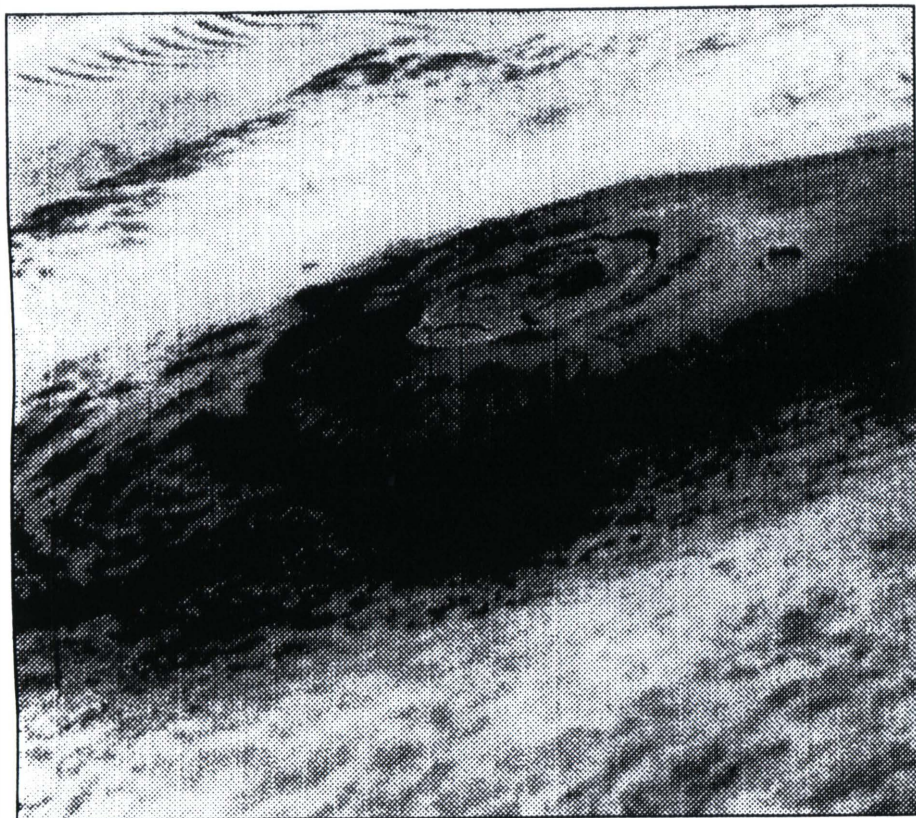


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UFOs and the Complete Evidence from Space - The Truth about Venus, Mars, and the Moon,
by Daniel Ross, published by Pintado Publishing, P.O. Box 3033, Walnut Creek, Ca. 94598,
U.S.A., \$9.95

This remarkable book was published in 1987, but for some reason has never become widely known in the UFO world. Written by an ex United States submariner, it presents compelling evidence that the cosmology put forward by George Adamski is a true picture of the Solar System and the Universe, and that powerful factions here on Earth have gone to extreme lengths to give the public a very different view.

The book considers Mars, the Moon and Venus separately and in detail, and shows evidence that they are all living environments. Several photographs of Mars were published in the book, the most spectacular being one of Olympus Mons, showing extensive cloud cover and



Olympus Mons

green areas - a very Earthlike environment in fact. The first Viking photograph is also there - showing a blue sky. The significance of this was not realised at first, but it was quickly denounced as false colour and replaced by lurid pink pictures.

The Moon's gravity is apparently much greater than the one-sixth Earth gravity that is accepted by orthodox science, and the whirls and leaps predicted for astronauts never happened. The astronauts were seen as "bouncing" because the video was slowed down to give this effect, but they did not reach appreciably greater heights than they would have on Earth. Also, the sight of stars from the Moon is evidence for its atmosphere. Astronauts have mentioned the fact that most stars are not visible from space - it would seem to be our atmosphere that makes most of the fainter ones visible by acting as a giant lens. This again was previously stated by Adamski when he said the background of space is totally dark. Also, soil from the Moon has grown plants, and I have seen reports of this in newspapers, but the fact was soon quashed by the censors.

Venus seems to be the planet which is most similar to Earth, despite the statements of the most extreme sulphurous conditions. Russia's Venera landers showed a landscape bathed in sunlight, and none of the weird upward-curving horizon effects that were expected. They were also not pressure vessels like those sent later by NASA, yet sent back information. In fact it would seem that the sulphurous detection by Pioneer was caused by monitoring a major volcanic eruption, and these findings have been accepted as the norm ever since.

The other planets too, although not mapped by our probes so intensely, were shown to have much better environments than expected. The description by Adamski of the asteroid belts acting as cathodes to boost solar radiation to give the outer planets habitable temperatures was confirmed by Voyager I in 1978 which found the area just beyond the known belt was the "hottest" place in the Solar System.

So the picture of the Solar System which has become "carved in stone" would seem to be very different from the true situation, which would seem to be much more like that described by George Adamski. The book is packed with evidence of all kinds for this. This is good news in that it shows that the space friends Adamski met were real people from our neighbouring worlds, but also it is very frightening that a faction on Earth could have such international power that it can give such a totally false picture of the Universe to the whole world for its own selfish purposes.

Dark Skies

The new extraterrestrial series Dark Skies, which the producers are confident will continue into the next millenium, is very similar to the X-Files in some ways, but the difference is that it is woven round real events in American history, beginning with the death of Kennedy. It is particularly slanted to the "evil-alien" view, approaching that of the Alien trilogy, with

tentacled parasites inhabiting human brains, looking and sounding like left-over props from those films.

There are a number of rather baffling, unlikely and sometimes conflicting elements to the plot. The all-powerful Majestic organisation which keeps all the taboo information even from the presidents, was apparently formed by Eisenhower who thought, during his presidency, that none of his potential successors could be trusted with the information! The aliens are thoroughly malevolent but it is not clear why they made a large crop formation on an American farm (reminiscent of one of the later British ones), put a gold object with the same pattern on it in the middle, and then got their puppet farmer (with the octopus in his head) to try to kill the person who came to investigate it!

The Majestics, who live in a set which looks as if it originated with the Man from Uncle, complete with the badges, seem little better than the aliens and it is not certain which one wants to win. They were, of course, implicated in the death of Kennedy, and we have had some inkling that it's all going to get woven into such things as the Vietnam War.

The real opposition seems to have been much more concerned with suppressing the stories of benign extraterrestrials than those of hostile or uncaring ones. Reinhold Schmidt, for instance, after his quite unexpected contact, was committed to a mental institution with such speed he hardly knew what was happening, and it was only the persistence of his employer that got him released. Yet people who produce stories of abductions and greys rarely seem to be harassed.

Reactions often seem to come most strongly in the case of people who imply that there may be a form of energy freely available. Reinhold Schmidt was shown a coffee pot that worked on free energy. Adamski saw the working of spacecraft. Van den Berg reputedly made a motor from the symbols on the Venusian's footprints at Adamski's first contact, and completely disappeared when, against Adamski's advice, he "went public". And this does not only apply to UFO contactees - Wilhelm Reich, the discoverer of orgone energy, caused a lot of noise from the medical establishment when he developed his healing accumulator. However, as soon as he mentioned a motive power possibility he was forbidden by legal injunction not to work on orgone any more; when he refused he was quickly put into prison and died there.

The opposition are clearly concerned with energy and financial interests, which are strongly linked, and this was made clear when organised opposition made itself felt when Adamski lectured in Zurich, the financial capital of the world. They are not concerned about pollution. They are not concerned about the depletion of fossil fuels and their eventual disappearance, or the effect on humanity when this happens. Surely the breadth of their crime must make it the worst in the history of the world. If it had not been for them, maybe Desmond Leslie's prediction in 1954 that "Flying Saucers will land next year" might have come true, and we might be enjoying all the benefits of being part of the Solar Confederation.

Book Review

UFO THE GOVERNMENT FILES Author: Peter Brookesmith Publisher: Blandford/Cassell,

London. October 1996. Hdbk. C4-size, £14.99, 176 pages. Index. B/W photographs & diagrams. ISBN: 0-7137-2635-0

In the SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF UFOs, alias 'The Condon Report', mentioned in this work, Dr Edward Uhler Condon gave his conclusions at the beginning rather than at the end which is the more usual. My conclusions about **UFO THE GOVERNMENT FILES** are that it is a disappointing pot-boiler. Its appearance is a throw-back to Brookesmith's *The Unexplained* part-work published by Orbis, after republication in various book formats. However this is no coffee-table tome. It is well illustrated but there is no colour, and quite a few photos are on the dark and heavy side. I don't suppose the author wrote the picture captions, so perhaps can be forgiven for this gaff. A still from the film *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956) says "innocent citizens (sic) of small-town America unload sacks of vegetables..." when you can clearly see that they are carrying away *alien* pods.

I started by looking at the index for, the Ministry of Defence, Parliament, Hansard, Public Records Office. To use an Americanism, *zilch*! Not even the late lamented The Earl of Clancarty! It slowly dawned on me that there was very little about UK UFO Government Files in this book in spite of it being published in the UK. The title is therefore misleading and one charitably assumes that it was written for the United States market.

On this basis, there is a good overall review of official US involvement from the 1940s. Roswell and other famous cases get due mention, including even, Fred Valentich. Towards the end of the book, there is a substantial demolition job on the Roswell crashed saucer theory, which concludes by saying "...no one can be entirely certain about what landed in.... 1947 - even if the smart money is mostly against an extra-terrestrial explanation." Ray Palmer gets a mention, and a picture caption identifies him as the man who invented flying saucers. It is not clear however whether Brookesmith realises that he was probably the grand-daddy of flying saucers in the USA, nor does he mention that Palmer founded *FATE* magazine, or why. Instead he concentrates on people like Keyhoe, who did after all write the first mass-market title, *FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL*, published in 1950. Perhaps the following line about Major Keyhoe's book will give you a small insight into Peter Brooksmith. "its slightly breathless accounts of visits to the Pentagon and citations of highly placed (but often anonymous) sources covered a woeful ignorance. While many people accept that Frank Scully's book *BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS* (1950) was a hoax, Brooksmith says that Scully was hoaxed and goes on to dissect the hoax. An American source-book that I have found invaluable is Paris Flammonde's *UFO EXIST!* (1976) but this appears not to get a mention.

Brookesmith reviews the various USAF 'Projects', the Robertson Panel and the 'Condon

Report', including the Colorado team's split over the discovery of the memo by Robert Low. What bothers me about this book, is that it appears almost to be an apology for official cover-ups, inadequate investigation, and debunking of witnesses. In FORTEAN TIMES, No.92, Peter reviews Nick Pope's book OPEN SKIES, CLOSED MINDS, and ends by saying "Emphatically not one for your bookshelf, unless you're studying human irrationality - or closed minds." Did Nick Pope deserve such harsh treatment? In the world of Peter Brookesmith, some ufologists, if not most, seem to be suffering from paranoia derived from 'modern myths'. Why does the phrase 'pompous git' come so readily to mind?

Lionel Beer

Extensive lists of UFO books for sale are available from Spacelink Books, c/o. Lionel Beer, 115 Hollybush Lane, Hampton, Middlesex, TW12 2QY.

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NOTES AND NEWS

Skywatches and Chanctonbury Ring

There are two forthcoming events which may be of interest, both in the TEMS calendar:

Saturday 10th May - Field Trip to Sussex. This trip will be visiting Chanctonbury Ring, a site steeped in legend, where an Adamski type flying saucer was photographed in the 1950s (the picture appears in *The Coming of the Space Ships* by Gavin Gibbons). Other places to be visited include interesting churches and other sites at Sompting, Chipley, Bunkton, Steyning and Bramber Castle.

Saturday 21st June - All-Night Skywatch on Pewley Down, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the sighting of Kenneth Arnold, which ushered in modern UFOlogy. Watches are being organised by BUFORA in a number of different places over the country.

This is an account, sent to me by Lionel Beer, of the skywatch in June, 1967:

BUFORA Sky-Watch Report

Your editor, Edgar Harvany, acted as national organiser, and about 30 watching points were established in the U.K. including Cornwall, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Benelux UFO Co-operation run by Jacques Bonabot asked European ufologists to co-operate. Newchapel Observatory kept watch, where they have an 18" reflecting telescope. The Irish Sea was covered by radar surveillance. My flat in London was used as the phoning-in H.Q. and several radio 'hams' including Australian Colin McCarthy at the no.1 site and Roy Winstanley in Lancashire also co-operated. Colin McCarthy boosted reception with

the use of a 200 ft. aerial suspended by 3 red helium filled balloons.

The watch took place on June 15/16th to co-incide with the relatively close approach of the asteroid, Icarus. Unfortunately although details of 41 visible satellites were obtained from the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, most posts reported almost complete cloud coverage. Omar Fowler and Graham Paine, chairman and treasurer of the Surrey Investigation Group (SIGAP), were in charge of the No.1. post on Pewley Downs at Guildford in Surrey, to which about 18 vehicles came bringing about 40 people. This post logged the first sighting at 8.06 p.m.BST., when a balloon-shaped red object with a hanging appendage was seen descending rapidly and quickly disappeared. At 8.58 p.m. the Astral group near Stoke Mandeville in the Chiltern hills, reported that their Mc-Carthy detector started buzzing and continued for some minutes despite resetting; cloud cover prevented them from observing anything.

At 11.55 p.m. watchers at Guildford (No.1 site) including myself, saw a red light near the horizon and watched it for about 15 seconds. David Simpson, of SIUFOP, already had his KODAK Retinette camera on a tripod and took a time exposure for the record.

About the same time the South Herts Group saw a white light at Chorley Wood, and the Slough Group at Blackbush Airport saw a similar light. (Photo: P.17)

The Northants Group at Barrington Airfield saw flashing lights on the horizon, and kept a respectful distance as they appeared to be part of a black magic orgy. A group of young watchers at Chanctonbury Ring, 7 miles from Worthing, Sussex, claim they experienced a 'strange presence' when they wandered towards the Ring. "'We suddenly felt cold and the cold came at us in waves, affecting our feetfirst." One of us felt a pain in the stomach and others had difficulty in breathing." However when SIGAP members visited the Ring for a night-watch on June 29th, nothing 'psychic' was experienced. -L.B. (Highlighting mine - JG)

A slightly fuller and slightly different account of the highlighted sighting came from SIGAP at the time:

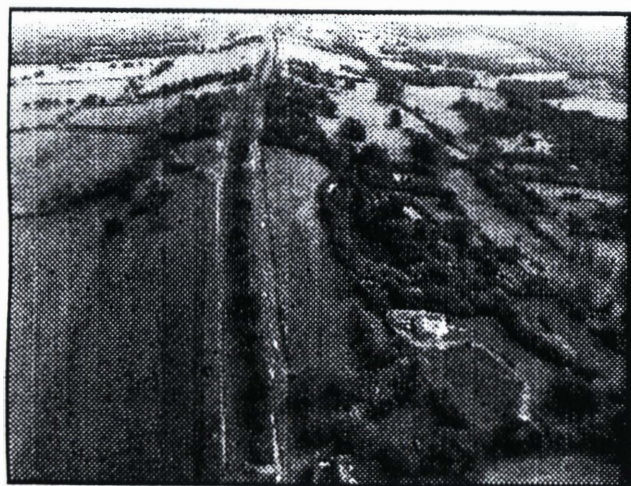
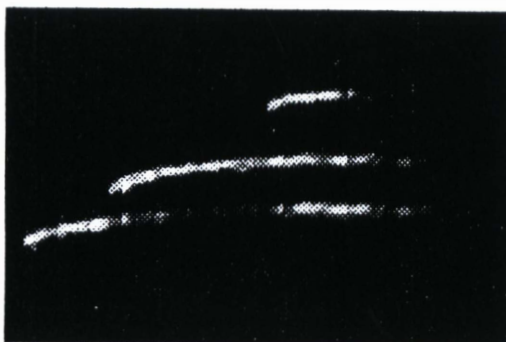
11.23 p.m. A large bright orange light was seen approx 5 deg above the horizon in the W.S.W for approx 2-3 seconds. It then appeared a few deg. further south for 3 seconds and moved up and down before going out.

During the course of the skywatch I had received impressions to go to a point on the Hog's Back, the other side of Guildford, and watch from there for a while. I saw the same orange object at the same time in the same direction.

The mention of Chanctonbury Ring is interesting as it was there that an Adamski-type scoutship was seen and photographed, as reported in *The Coming of the Space Ships*, by

the late Gavin Gibbons:

This time it is a typewriter mechanic from Brighton who saw a sharply defined and quite definite vimana from the Pycombe-Henfield road. It was late at night on July 5, 1954, about 10.15 p.m., and the craft was glowing greenish, although the body was ringed with red, green, and grey. The rings were very bright and he watched it for at least three minutes as it shot across the sky, high above Chanctonbury Ring, way off to the south-westwards. Luckily he had his camera with him, and the photograph he took is reproduced in this book (Plate 6). He signs himself with a firm, attractive hand - B. V. Simmons. No hysterical old-maidish person here, but a steady level-headed chap who is obviously capable at his job and not given to flights of imagination.



Saucer-eye view of the Hog's Back, where I saw the orange object and where psychic phenomena similar to the Chanctonbury ones were reported by Eileen Buckle in The Scoriton Mystery.

All the Planets are Inhabited!

This World-Wide Web site was inspired by Daniel Ross's book, and includes evidence to support this, and details of contactees and the origin of the STAR Fellowship. The URL is <http://194.205.82.2/atpai.htm>. There is also a link to the site describing David Kammerer's book *The Pawn of His Creator*, which is also extremely interesting, and includes details of the Reinhold Schmidt contact case which I had been looking for for a long time.

Two early contacts

Looking through some items in my attic recently I came across some notes for a talk I gave many years ago. In them are mentioned two sightings involving occupants of craft. I do not seem to have recorded the sources:

In 1909 there was a landing in South Wales - a man called Lithbridge found "a cylindrical construction" parked beside a lonely road, and inside two men who gabbled as if in a foreign language. Then the machine rose and flew away, leaving a depression in the grass. This was only six years after the Wright Brothers' first flight.

On 23rd July 1947, less than a month after Kenneth Arnold's sighting, José Higgins, a topographer in Brazil, saw a circular object land. His companions ran, but he stayed and two people about seven feet tall emerged from the craft. They communicated by signs, Higgins drawing several circles to represent orbits of planets (as Adamski was later to do), and they pointed to the seventh, which he considered meant Uranus, but could have been the seventh planet of another solar system. Looking at the evidence from Daniel Ross's book, however, it would seem more than possible that it could have been Uranus that was meant.

In the same talk notes was mention of a ley through the Hog's Back (in connection with the previous item): Hounslow Church, Hanworth Church, moat near Chertsey, through Woking to Whitmoor Common (there was a UFO encounter there), the Hog's Back centre (the clump where I watched), Green Cross near Hindhead and Godshill, Isle of Wight.

UFOs over Ambridge!

Devotees of *The Archers* long-running radio soap opera about country folk will have been surprised to see a sketch of the fictional village of Ambridge with saucers flying over it, in an issue of Radio Times in January! The answer came in the rather tongue-in-cheek article that attended it, in which it was surmised that "Mike Tucker would be abducted by aliens on Lakey Hill and have weird experiments performed on him to turn him into an interesting person"! It is interesting that the saucers were of the Adamski type, which is still the form most thought of when extraterrestrial space craft are mentioned.



Ambridge invaded!

Some Adamski jottings culled from the World-Wide Web:

A few people didn't believe Adamski was telling the truth about aliens, so let's see what they say about Adamski number 2. Here I go with the information. This may have a tendency to twist your brain out of shape a little bit so beware. The death of George Adamski on April 12, 1965, by no means terminated the heated controversy which had never stopped swirling around the prolific and articulate contactee. Adamski, too, was quickly resurrected by his followers. In the book *Scoriton Mystery* by Eileen Buckle, a contactee named Ernest Bryant claims to have met three spacemen on April 24, 1965, one of whom was a youth named Yamski, whose body already housed the reincarnated spirit of George Adamski. Throughout his career as contactee, Adamski's believers steadfastly declared him to be one of the most saintly of men, completely devoted to the teaching of universal laws. It appears that after his death, certain of his followers found it necessary to provide their discipline of intergalactic peace with a kind of instant resurrection.

According to Desmond Leslie, George Adamski had an audience with Pope John just a few days before the Pope passed away. Leslie says that he met Adamski at an airport in London just after the controversial contactee had flown in from Rome. He drove Adamski straight to his little river cruiser at Staines where several people interested in UFOlogy had been spending the weekend. Sometime during the next few days, Adamski showed Leslie a memento that he said no one would ever take from him and he produce an exquisite gold medal with Pope John's effigy on it. Later Leslie checked and found it was a medal which had not yet been released to anyone. When Adamski was asked how he had received it, he answered that Pope John had given to it to him the day before. Adamski went on to say how he had arrived at the Vatican according to the space people's instructions and had been taken straight in, given a cassock, and led to the Pope's bedside. It was here that Adamski had handed Pope John a sealed package from the Space Brothers. It was said that Pope John's face had beamed when he received the package, and he said, "This is what I have been waiting for!" The Pope then presented Adamski with a very special medal, and the papal audience ended.

Leslie said that he later checked with Lou Zinsstag, who it was said had taken Adamski to the Vatican. Ms. Zinsstag reported that when they had approached the Vatican and neared the private entrance, a man with "purple at his throat" (apparently a monsignor or a bishop) appeared. Adamski had cried out, "That's my man!", greeted the papal official, and was led in for an audience with the Pope. Ms. Zinsstag said that when he reappeared about twenty minutes later, Adamski appeared to be in the same state of excitement and rapture as witnesses had described him being in after his desert contact with the Space Brothers in 1952. When Leslie later asked an abbot what he knew about the medal, the clergyman was amazed and said that such a medal would only have been given to someone in the most exceptional circumstances, and that no one, so far as he knew, had yet received this particular medal.

Leslie conceded that he had initially disbelieved that Adamski had received such an audience

with the Pope, but this confirmation from the abbot with regard to the medal had overcome his former disbelief. When Leslie asked Adamski what the Space Brothers' package had contained, the contactee said that he did not know. He said that it had been given to him by the Space Brothers before he had left for Europe and that he had been given instructions to give it to the Pope. He was also told that all arrangements had been made inside the Vatican for such an audience to take place. This suggested to Leslie that the Space Brothers have a "fifth column" in St. Peter's seat as well as everywhere else. Adamski told Leslie that he thought the package had contained instructions and advice for the second ecumenical council. It is possible the package also contained a message to the Big Fisherman's successors which chided them about certain lax measure and encouraged them to get on with the serious work required on the Earth plane. Source Of Information: *The FELLOWSHIP* by BRAD STEIGER.

Note: The book that I read is a revised second edition. It is split into 2 parts. Part 1 is George Adamski's first book 'Flying Saucers Have Landed', which has been out of print for many years. Part 2 is his second book 'Inside the Space Ships'. I had heard of the George Adamski story from many sources and I had seen several of his pictures and thought they looked quite convincing considering how long ago they were taken. There were claims that he was an out and out hoaxer in for the money, other people saying that he was some sort of hero, and others who thought that he was quite mad. I decided to read and judge for myself.

The first book 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' is basically a short story which describes Adamski's first initial sightings of craft through to a meeting with one of the Occupants. The occupant was allegedly from Venus and Adamski gave him the name Orthon. The book finishes with Adamski claiming that the Orthon would return to visit him again. The book considering its age is not bad as a story and indeed the claims made in this book are no more wild than many other contactee claims. However, when we move to the second part 'Inside the Space Ships', things start becoming a little bit too bizarre. I must point out here that whatever Adamski's motives for his claims, books and pictures I feel that he sincerely believes what he is saying. The second book details further contacts with the man from Venus and he is also introduced to a Martian and a man from Saturn. All these people are human and Adamski tells us that he is told that all the planets in the Solar System are inhabited. He is taken by the Scout Ship to the Mother Ship where he is met by others and they take it in turn to show him around the ship. He is then taken to a Laboratory where they view the surface of the moon. Bizarre enough? Well, there's more. Adamski claims there are large Space Craft hangers inside the larger craters of the Moon and on the 'dark' side of the moon he claims there are clouds, mountains, rivers, lakes forest and cities!! The book even too the most die-hard believer is probably a little hard to swallow, but it does make for a fascinating read even if a little silly. Towards the end of the book it starts to get a bit 'religious' for my liking. However, despite all the wild claims, I'm still glad I read the book even if just to say I did so. Only recommended to serious UFO researchers and others interested in the history of UFOLOGY. I would just like to add that the pictures if they are 'real' depict some of the most beautiful craft I have seen.

THE HIDDEN UNITY and BEGINNINGS

The Hidden Unity looks at the strange phenomenon of subconscious siting of ley points, and notes that places of worship, of all religions and all ages, tend to predominate on leys. The environmental and philosophical implications of this are discussed, and the apparent necessity of worship but irrelevance of doctrine. Two ley centres are given as examples, and investigated in depth - the Shah Jehan Mosque in Woking and the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple, Scunthorpe. There is an appendix by Eileen Grimshaw on the significance of the Pagan religion to this study. Illustrated with photographs, maps and line drawings.

Beginnings is about a series of potentially useful discoveries, mainly made by Jimmy Goddard over a period of about twenty years, but having some overlap with discoveries made by others. For various reasons, the investigations are all in their early stages, and some have not been continued. They include earth energy detection, natural antigravity, subconscious siting, ley width, and the solar transition effect. There is also a chapter on cognitive dissonance - a psychological factor which seems to have been at the root of all bigotry - scientific, religious and other - down the ages. The booklet is concluded with an account of the discovery of leys by Alfred Watkins.

EARTH PEOPLE, SPACE PEOPLE

In 1961, Tony Wedd produced a manuscript *Earth Men, Space Men*, detailing many claims of extraterrestrial contact. It was never published, and the MS is presumably lost. To try to make up for the loss in a much more modest size, this booklet has been prepared. As well as giving details of some of the more prominent contact claims, there are articles on the history of the STAR Fellowship and some of its personalities, evidence for life in the Solar System and investigation into extraterrestrial language.

Each booklet is £2 plus 30p p&p from the Touchstone address.

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